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BIRTH.  
At San Francisco, on the 3rd May, the wife of Gen. Parsons, Esq., German Major's Vice-Consul, of a son. [1509]

DEATH.  
At 23 Broadway, Shanghai, on the 4th August, 1887, DUNCAN MACPHERSON, late Chief Engineer, steamer *Flooding*, aged 61 years.

The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, AUGUST 9TH, 1887.

The British gunboat *Zephyr*, Lieut.-Commander Hope arrived here yesterday from a cruise.

The Agent informs us that the Austra-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Elektra*, from Trieste, left Singapore on the 4th inst. for this port.

A Shanghai contemporary hears that Mr. Gossen, the Chief Secretary of the British Legation at Peking, returns to Europe shortly.

The Rev. H. P. Harper, who arrived here on Sunday night in the P. & O. steamer *Pekinian*, takes the place of the Rev. F. A. Gao, Naval Chaplain.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the Glen Line steamer *Brockshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 4th instant for this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Glen Line steamer *Glenallock*, from London, left Singapore on Sunday for this port.

The General Manager (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Indo-China steamer *Tsingtao*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 7th inst. for this port.

The San Francisco *Bulletin* says that Yau Phu-ho, a Chinese student in the Senior Class of Yau Po College, has written a book entitled "When I was a Boy in China."

The Acting Superintendent informs us that the P. & O. Company's extra steamer *Xiaoyi* left Singapore on the 4th, and the extra steamer *Venice* left Bombay on the 2nd instant, both for this port.

Attention is directed to the advertisements of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. and O. & S. S. Co., in which the revised scale of passage rates from Hongkong to San Francisco and London are given.

The man who was wounded a few days ago in a quarrel at Yamantai about some money matters, died on Sunday evening at the Government Civil Hospital. An inquest will be held on the body.

The *Singapore News* states that since the 25th June there has been very little demand for tea at Amoy, and prices of Tassan tea are still low. The native tea merchants will probably suffer heavy losses this year.

The *N. C. Daily News* states that a loan of five millions of taels, which has been for some time under negotiation at Peking, has been made by the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris for the use of the Peking household. The rate of interest is said to be 7 per cent.

While a raid was being made on a gambling house situated at No. 41, Fleet-street by Inspector Swanson and a party of Police, a man endeavouring to escape jumped from the second story window into the street and was killed. An inquest was held at his body yesterday afternoon at the Mortuary, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The *Singapore News*—The French have established, in connection with the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris in Tientsin, a branch office at Peking, where they intend to transact financial business with the metropolitan officials. The Chinese officials have given a name to this branch bank, which is *King To*, "Equity" perhaps everywhere.

We have received from the local Agents (Messrs. Paston & Co.) a copy of the report of the General Life and Fire Assurance Company for 1886. This is the jubilee year of the Company, and they were able to present a good report to the shareholders, showing an increasing business in both departments, and to a dividend of 10 per cent. on capital.

The *Straits Times* says—Captain W. Fawcett, of the Telegraph steamer *Sherard Osborne*, has notified the Master Attendant here that a red balloon shaped buoy with a white, blue, and white flag (horizontal) was moored on the 29th June in lat. 7.38 N., and long. 107.7 E. The information should be of great service for capturing of vessels trading in the China Sea.

The Korean correspondent of the *Shahpo*—Mr. O. N. Denay, Vice-President of the Hong Kong something went to Peking. An Englishman, who intended to import opium, and we shall probably hear of some of them being exposed before long. The services of a foreign mineralogist have been engaged by M. Yung-yi, also Vice-President of the Home Office, and a mining office has been established, of which he is the head director.

As if the *Daily News* to show the number of things, Chang Chih-tung, Viceroy of the Two Kongs, has at the very moment of his arrival, a copper cap on his head, and the ring at his feet to be worn for the profit of the Canton Government in the first essay. It would appear as if one large bubble had been blown and pricked. The Memorial of the Canton Viceroy is an unusual and serious attack by the Viceroy Li's concessions, and break the ranks in a serious way.

Club obtained its site on the understanding that it was to be a public institution, it is not generally regarded as such, but as being, in fact, about an exclusive as the Hongkong Club. If a wrong impression has got abroad on this point it would be well that it should be removed, especially if exemption from rates is claimed. The Club cannot in one and the same breath claim the exemptions accorded to a public institution and the rights of a purely private club. The Racquet Club is in a similar position, being supported by a small and select circle. If institutions such as these are to be exempted from payment of rates we fail to see why every private tennis court and garden in the colony should not be exempted, and the assessment be made only on the actual building irrespective of the grounds by which it may happen to be surrounded. The Race Club, Cricket Club, and Recreation Club come more nearly within the definition of public institutions. The Race Course is open all the year round for the use and enjoyment of the public; and the Cricket Ground is used for the athletic sports of the Garrison, the public schools, etc., and any one is eligible for the privileges of the club; the same is the case with the Recreation Club, for admission to which it may happen to be required. The members of the club are not to be removed to the extent of half a million pounds, and about the same quantity of wire was taken to be made up into various articles. But old iron is one of the most popular of the metal imports, and can be hammered into fairly serviceable tools. Last year over five million pounds of old horses, worn out parts of machinery, old bars and plates, sticks of timber, and other materials were imported to the extent of half a million pounds, and about the same quantity of wire was taken to be made up into various articles. 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